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Vicenzo SCARLATO et al.

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 2, 2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20060222) and the Advisory Action dated May 23, 2006 (Part of Paper 20060515), for which a response was due on June 2, 2006. This response is filed with a petition for a three-month extension of time together with a Request for Continued Examination and therefore this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.